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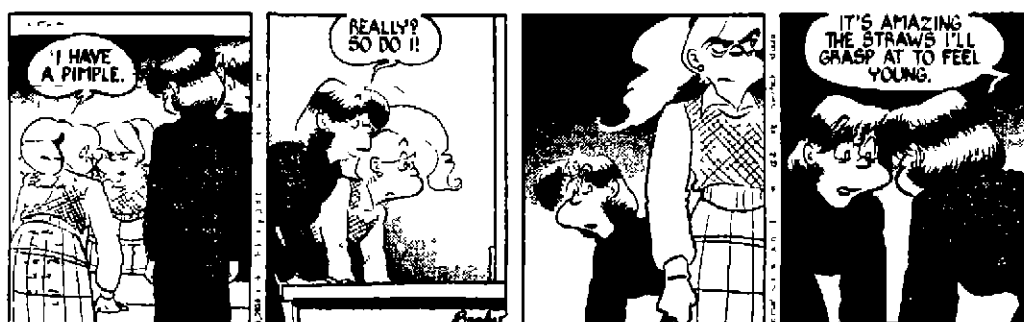
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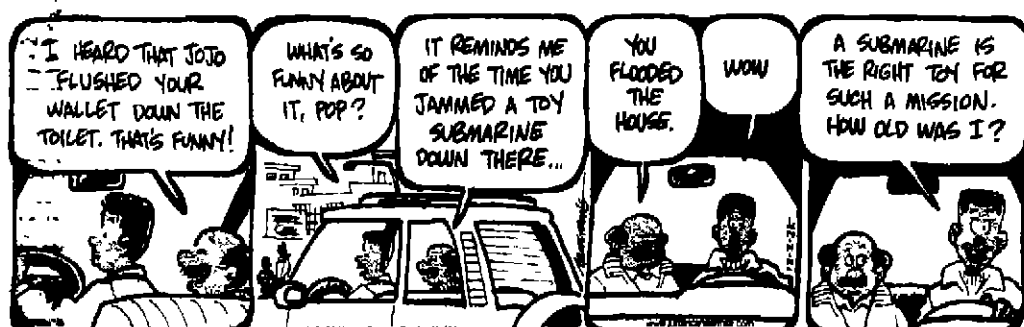
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



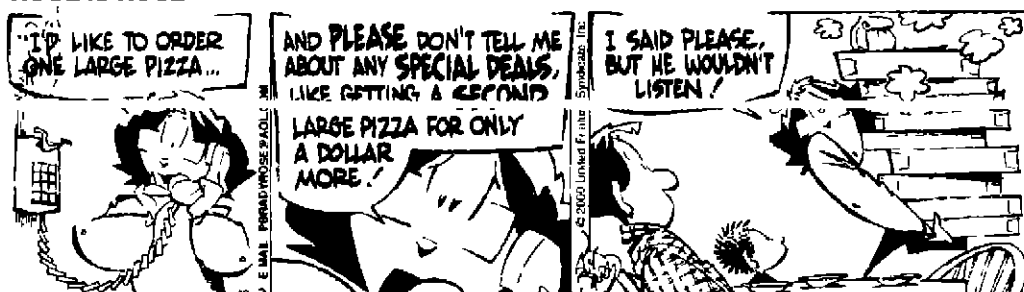
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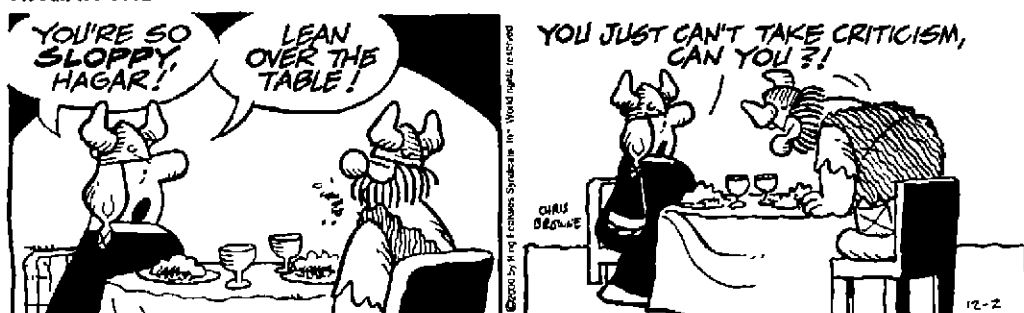
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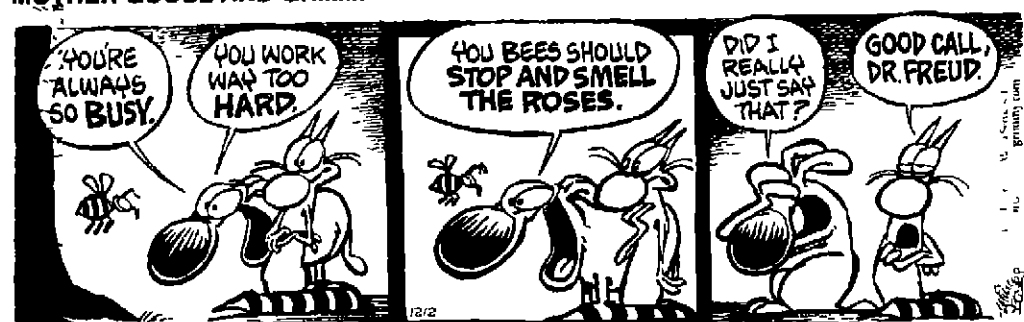
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



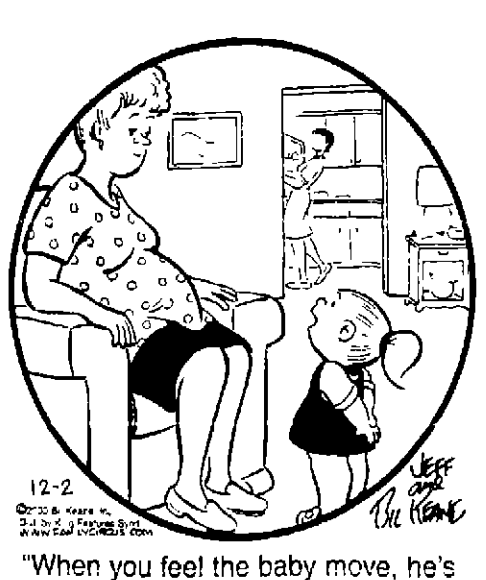
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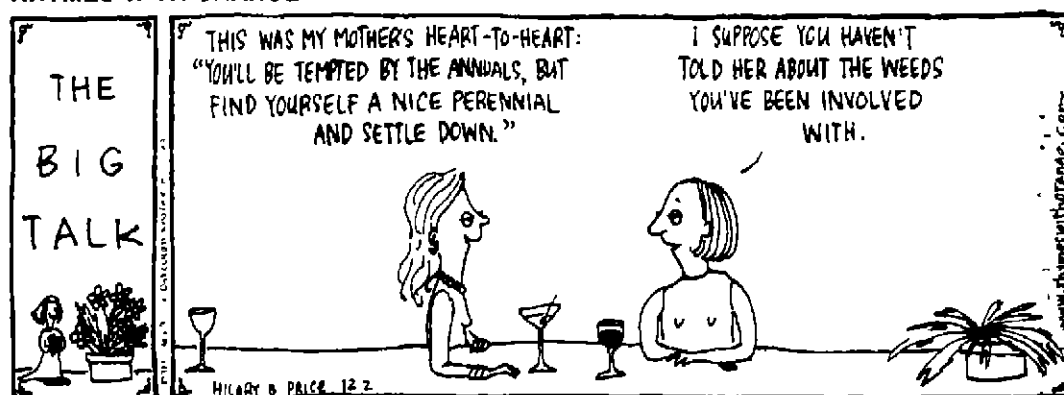
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



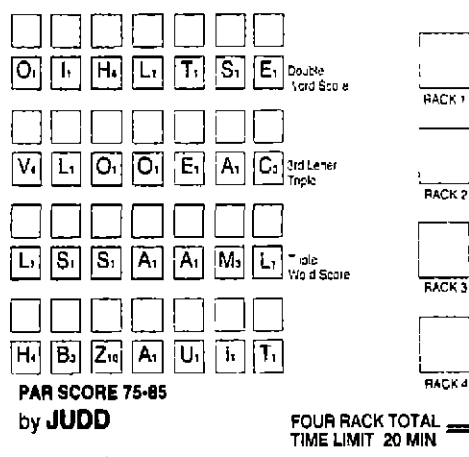
Today's Birthdays

Actor Paul Picerni is 78. Former CIA director Stanfield Turner is 77. Actor Robert Symonds is 74. Singer Billy Paul is 65. Actor-director Woody Allen is 65. Singer Lou Rawls is 65. Golfer Lee Trevino is 61. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 61. Comedian-Actor Richard Pryor is 60. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 55.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

GEORGES

P Y V S Q N K H E H B Y W T R
O L J G E N B Y W U S R P N K
I G N I L R A C D B Z U X V S
Y E N O O L C M Y Q O M B K I
G D O I T E C A E D Y R W S U
S Q R P W L N T T R E L J E H
F E W A S H I N G T O N C V A
Y X E V P A S M T U O F N E S
Q P L N R P C R A M K C J E H
F E L T C B E U E H Z Y S R K
X V S N R U B P L G U T R C Q

Friday's unlisted clue: SENATOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: COMEDIAN GEORGE

Brett Clooney Kennedy Reeves
Burns Foreman Lucas Strait
Bush Garthwin Orwell Washington
C Scott Hamilton Peppard

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cooperation is currently the name of the game.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) So long as you do your homework, you'll be regarded as an expert in no time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Intellectual stimulation is key at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be sure to tackle a difficult discussion on neutral territory.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are forced to compromise in order to keep the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A strange request has hidden meanings, which you will soon come to discover.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Others finally see the value in a proposal that you recently made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you dream of living elsewhere, ask yourself why you're still in the same spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you are seized by the desire to get out and do something different, be sure to run with the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A romantic partner is likely to surprise you in a most delightful and unexpected fashion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Enjoy this high-energy time with one of your closest pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Put career concerns first and foremost, and you'll be amazed at how much you can accomplish.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

ace, and East cashed the spade ace and continued with the 10. South's queen going to West's king. With three defensive tricks home, West had to decide whether the setting trick was in spades or in clubs. He made the wrong choice. Assuming his club winner could not disappear, he tried to cash his spade jack, but it didn't survive. South ruffed, cashed his trump ace, and discarded all of dummy's clubs on his high diamonds to make his game. "It wasn't your fault," consoled his friend. "You made the correct theoretical choice. When East returned the spade 10, you had every reason to believe he had no more than three spades." How did the other East player defend to make things easier for the thankful West? Instead of returning the spade 10 at trick three, he returned the deuce. The deuce promised either four spades or two, making the club ace the odds-on play. Cashing the club ace loses only when South has a 4-5-4-0 distribution with solid diamonds — less than a 1 percent probability.

NORTH

A K J

Q 9 6 2

J 3 5

A Q 8

WEST

Q J 10 9 4

A J 3 3

J 3 3

A 10 9 7

EAST

A 8 7 2

A 8

A 4 2

K 6 4 3 2

SOUTH

A 5

K 10 7 5 4

A K Q 10 8

J 5

Vulnerable East-West Dealer South

The bidding

1♥ 1♠ 3♥ 3♠

4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1020

ACROSS

1 Fearful of exposure?

10 Ship

15 Joseph of (follower of Jesus)

16 Supports, in a way

17 Like couch potatoes

18 Gorges

19 Recession victim?

20 Connected series

21 Severe blow

22 John who sang "Jambalaya"

23 Sony co-founder

26 Casino opening

27 Suppose

28 "___, you've got me on my knees" (Clapton lyric)

29 Buried treasure

30 Mao successor

31 Does yet to be identified

32 "Charlie's Angels" role

33 A little bit of work

34 It gets to the heart of the matter

35 Solitaire unit

36 Rancorous juice used in perfumery

38 Swindles

39 Apt anagram for "the eyes"

40 Like early Beatles recordings

41 Wingdings

42 Guided

43 Acoustic

47 Bending

48 Where Grenoble is

49 Hobnob

50 "Horsefeathers!"

51 Leased

DOWN

1 Bills

2 Side by side, maybe?

3 High time in Paris

4 Developing

5 Went over

6 King who demanded half of Rome's Western Empire as a dowry

7 Classic 1949 Jack Schaefer novel

8 "Grab ahold!"

9 Shout of approval

10 Food whose name means, literally, "cooking pot"

11 Goes down

12 Nero's portrayer in "The Story of Mankind"

13 Deafening

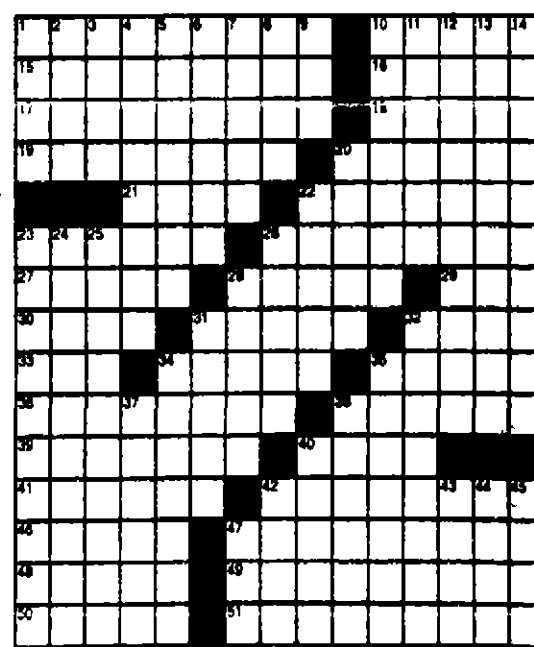
14 Bar exercises?

20 Spring wings

22 Degas's "Le ___ de la danse"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PDUAMES RABBIT
IRONORE JUGULAR
ROYALWE ONADARE
APR DIRECTS CHA
NOIA NEXUS SKAT
AUDEN DEL BEERY
TELEX GAVEART
LEKS RIFE
TEALEAF LOOFA
PANSY TOE GOLFI
RUNE JIHAD DION
ERE LEANTOS ENA
PIANIST SNOWSIN
ANDANTE INADAZE
VESSES NAPSTER



Puzzle by Bob Kahn

23 One with an inside track

24 Palais Garnier, for one

25 Wedding party

26 Cave follower

28 Lash with a whip

31 "The Thin Red Line" novelist James

32 Lilliputian of early 50's TV

34 European tourist sites

35 Reach

37 "Pale Rider" actor Richard

38 Bird with a 9- to 10-foot wingspan

40 Smart outfit

42 Pound

43 Outcry

44 Folies Bergere designer

45 Turned red?

Slicker

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